

## University of Kentucky Nutter Fieldhouse Replacement of Running Track

**Action:** The staff recommends that the council approve the University of Kentucky's request to replace the Nutter Fieldhouse running track with \$435,000 of athletic association capital funds and private funds.

The University of Kentucky proposes to replace the running track inside the Nutter Fieldhouse. The Nutter Fieldhouse is the practice and training facility for football, men and women's track and field, baseball, women's softball, men and women's soccer, and women's gymnastics. The \$435,000 project involves replacing the liquid polyurethane surface, which was poured in 1993, with a prefabricated rubberized sheet flooring system. The new system will provide shock absorbency to protect athletes from injury to their legs, feet, and joints.

The council has the statutory responsibility to review and approve postsecondary education capital construction projects costing \$400,000 or more regardless of fund source. This project was not included in the university's 2002-08 Six-Year Capital Plan because the cost was estimated to be less than \$400,000. However, since the estimate now exceeds the \$400,000 threshold, the council, the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee must approve the project before it can be initiated. The university wishes to begin work immediately following winter athletic competition.

The Nutter Fieldhouse is located near the intersection of Cooper Drive and Sports Center Drive, adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium. The University of Kentucky has certified that funding (\$435,000) for the project will be available from the Athletic Association (\$215,000) and the UK Athletic Association's Blue/White Fund (\$220,000). Following council action, the staff will forward the council's recommendation to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet and to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.